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1. DEPARTMENT PASSED CONTENTS REFTEL TO JOHN BREWER,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF US-SUDAN BUSINESS COUNCIL. BREWER
VEHEMENTLY REJECTED BESHIR'S PROPOSED REVISION OF
SCHEDULE FOR FEB 22, WHICH HE WILL TRANSMIT TO BESHIR IN
SEPARATE TELEX. HE POINTS OUT THAT UNLESS WORKING SES-
SIONS ARE RESTORED FOR FEB 22, HE CANNOT GUARANTEE
ATTENDANCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 38 US FIRMS (TOTAL 55
US-BASED PARTICIPANTS) CURRENTLY PLANNING TO ATTEND
MEETING. FYI: IF BESHIR DOES NOT REVERSE HIS DECISION,
BREWER WILL RECOMMEND FURTHER POSTPONEMENT OF US-SUDAN
COUNCIL MEETING. END FYI.

2. DURING JAN 24 MEETING WITH BESHIR, BREWER ASKED THAT
ECON CHIEF OBTAIN A) ASSURANCE BE THAT AIR
TRANSPORT FOR KENANA VISIT FEB 21 IS FIRM, AND B)
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BESHIR'S AGREEMENT TO INSERT TOUR OF UNION CARBIDE BATTERY
PLANT 1600-1700, FEB 21, MOVING VISIT TO NATIONAL MUSEUM
BACK TO 1800-1900. BREWER ASKED FURTHER THAT MANAGER

HILTON HOTEL BE INFORMED THAT THERE ARE NOW 45 FIRM
RESERVATIONS WHICH CONFORMS WITH NUMBER ROOMS EARLIER
BLOCKED OUT BY BREWER. TELEX CONFIRMATION OF RESERVA-

TIONS AT HILTON WILL ARRIVE O/A 1/27.

3. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST OUTCOME OF ECON CHIEF'S MEETING
WITH BESHIR. VANCE

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